

# **ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.**

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PO Box 299, Preston, 3072

**District Governor:** Anne Reid  
**District** 9790

Meets Wednesday, 12.30pm  
Darebin RSL Bell St, Preston

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## **BULLETIN**

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## Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

<u><b>International</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>  I Musgrove J.Roose L Defazio P Byrne E Price	<u><b>Youth Services</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>M.Riel</b>  P Conte N Schaber N Pinder G Lyons Joe Morris	<u><b>Vocational</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>T Weir</b>  K Agarwal M.Alkanani C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Community</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>K Subramanian.</b>  G Mogford M Walsh D Sullivan D De La Coeur C Verrocchi P Smarrelli  <u><b>Police Awards</b></u> E Price	<u><b>Club Admin.</b></u>  <b>R McCall</b>   <u><b>On to Conference</b></u>  <b>G McIlvenna</b>
<u><b>Foundation</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>M Walsh</b>  D De La Coeur Julie Morris P Gilbert  <u><b>Special projects</b></u>  <b>P Smarrelli</b>	<u><b>Membership</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Julie Morris</b>  G.McIlvenna P Peyton C Shields  <u><b>Christmas Luncheon</b></u>  Volunteer wanted	<u><b>Fundraising</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>W O'Neill</b>  F Smith P Smarrelli C Shields	<u><b>Sergeants</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>D Sullivan</b>  C Verrocchi Julie Morris I Musgrove D De La Coeur	<u><b>Cashiers</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>N Schaber</b>  P Peyton M.Riel N Pinder
<u><b>Environment &amp; Conservation</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P.McGuigan</b>  C Shields L.Defazio G Mogford	<u><b>PR, Website, IT</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Conte</b>  L Defazio G Lyons R McCall E Price	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>G Mogford</b>  G McIlvenna	<u><b>Programmes</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Joe Morris</b>  I Musgrove	<u><b>House</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>N Pinder</b>  D. De La Coeur P Peyton M Walsh
<u><b>Bulletin</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>J McCarthy</b>  P Peyton C Finocchiaro	<u><b>Club History</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>P Peyton</b>	<u><b>Family of Rotary/ Fellowship</b></u>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>E Price</b> Julie Morris	<u><b>On to World Conference</b></u>  <b>P Gilbert</b>	<u><b>Welcomes</b></u>  P McGuigan M Walsh Julie Morris M Riel M Alkanani K Agarwal

## **SPEAKERS LAST WEEK**



Even if some in the audience had an understanding of the dangers of indoor camp-fire cooking, beyond imagination would have been the simple solution provided by **STOVE TEAM INTERNATIONAL**.



Video speaker was **Forest Resener**, Operations Director for STI. The video was made for Rotary clubs world-wide with the intention of expanding what was initiated by a Rotary club in Oregon, USA.

In the third world, smoke from indoor cooking fires is a leading cause of death of children under age five, and the world's largest environmental killer. Open indoor cooking is the usual for 4 billion homes. These fires kill eight times as many people as malaria.

**STOVE**  
 **TEAM**  
**INTERNATIONAL®**



Millions of women and children suffer painful burns and a young child breathes in the equivalent of 4 packs of cigarette-smoke per day.

USA-based Forest Resener is the Operations Director for StoveTeam International in Oregon, USA. Forest is excited to raise awareness for the issue of open-fire cooking while continuing to create innovative solutions that maximize the efficiency, reach, and scalability of StoveTeam's programmes, particularly in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

StoveTeam's cookstoves are designed to be handmade by local people using local materials, and they are perfect for cooking the foods that people in Latin America rely on. These stoves eliminate toxic smoke inside the home. They also save children from the danger of burns, prevent CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere, save families time and money on gathering wood, all while

enriching local economies!

78,000 cookstoves have been locally manufactured and distributed over the past 10 years.

Many enthusiastic ideas followed the presentation with great material for the International Committee.

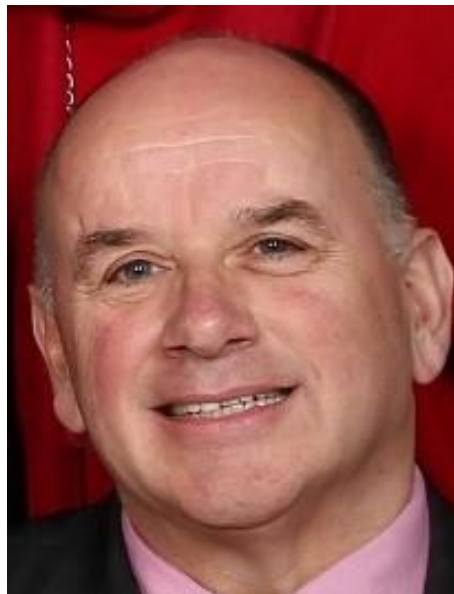


Video Website: [Program: Forest Resener, StoveTeam International - YouTube](#)

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT 2022/2023 DAVID McPHERSON:** David

McPherson has been involved in community service activities most of his life having been in Cubs, Scouts, Venturers (earning a Queen's Scout Award), Rotaract, Lions, and Apex where he was awarded Life Membership in 2005. He joined Rotary in 2010 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Deniliquin in District 9790.

Wheelchair bound since the age of eight David has competed in numerous sports and international events including 2 Paralympics. Brought up in Myrtleford he has spent his professional life in Deniliquin where he recently retired as the Laboratory Manager at the local hospital.



At the meeting David gave many of the upcoming dates for 2021 & 2022:

- club P.E. training 7 Nov,
- Multi District Virtual Meeting for the 6 Rotary Districts in Vic and Tas March 5&6, 2022
- District Assembly for club incoming teams April 3, 2022
- District Conference 2023 March 17-19 in Deniliquin with the theme *"Celebrating Rural Resilience"*.

## **COMING MEETINGS**

**September 15 on Zoom 12.30 – 1.30**

**Sept 15: Club Forum on Zoom**

**Sept 22: Paul Smarrelli - The Future of Business in the City of Darebin**  
Chair: Lisa Defazio

**Sept 29: Christina DiPierdomenico – DIVRS** Chair: Mel Riel

## **THE ROTARY FAMILY**

**VISITORS LAST WEEK:** A true first was achieved last week at the virtual meeting with the presence of **Neil Grierson**. An authentic first because Neil attended from his hospital bed at the Epworth Hospital, Richmond. Neil was inducted in 1972 and club president 1993/94 and now with his health battles, stratospherically above the rest of other attendees suffering lockdown, there he was both sparkling and contributory. **ALOHA** Neil and Margaret.

Also present last week were Suzanne Still and D.P.E. David McPherson.

**ARMY ON THE MOVE:** For someone serving with the Salvation Army it can mean frequent locational deployment. Sadly we hear of the upcoming move of Tara and member Peter McGuigan. This will take place at the end of the year and their target is a place named Sydney.



**Carolyn Pinder 16/09**

**Julie Morris  
19/09**



**Lisa Defazio and Paul Vanzella  
19/09**

**Jonathan and Malak Alkanani 17/9**

## **CLUB NEWS**

**ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA:** RAM's Annual Conference will be virtual, live on Zoom. Dates: 11-12 Sat. 13 Nov. and 10-12.30. Sun 14 Nov. Book now: [Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference](http://Ram.rawcs.com.au/2021conference)

**ROTARY SPORTING GOODS AUCTION:** Note the date for the auction as advised by Joe Morris, Sept 20. Joe advises that there will be the usual Cup sweep. <https://www.leski.com.au/content/forthcoming-auctions>

**INTO THE CYBER AGE:** Occasionally, when searching a website, it is frustrating to find that it has not been updated for years! Ruth McCall and Lisa Defazio have been working into the late-night hours bringing Preston Rotary website up-to-date. Have a look at their magnificent success. Both are anxious to receive suggestions and contributions from members.

One current need is the name of the person who opened the club Facebook entry a few years back. Please let Ruth know.

**THANKS** go out to David, Max, Joe, Ruth for the emergency load to Res. N. House last Tuesday.

Tuesday, Sept 14 is the next unload (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month).

**COLES PICK-UPS:** The branch of Coles Summerhill Shopping Centre in Plenty Road, Reservoir, has pick-ups available daily of edible food. The club is yet to outline a possible plan. Staff load the cars 9.30am and the destination is Res.N.House, probably monthly on a Tues, Wed or Thurs. More info is due in coming days from Sec. Geoff. In the meantime, let him know if you are available

### **CHILDREN FIRST VIRTUAL EVENT – SUN. 19 SEPT. 11.45AM:**

**Host:** Marianne Van Dorslar –Television & Radio Personality **Speaker:** Professor Ton Trang, MBBS, FRACS– Orthopaedic Surgeon **Entertainment:** Josh Batten - Musician **Food:** A gourmet lunch hamper from **acclaimed French chef Romu Oudeyer**, including canapés and 2 delicious courses. We will also pop in a piccolo of Champagne to start the party. **All for just \$115 per person.**

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022:** The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville in the Yarra Valley. Hotel bookings with Sec. Geoff Site for Conference Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=741289&>

**CALM YOUTH:** As said 2 weeks ago by speaker Alexander Mikailidis, the 2 year old project **Calm Youth** now has a website. [www.calmyouth.com](http://www.calmyouth.com)

**BARBIES:** Barbies are for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from October to December – Covid19 permitting. **Oct. 9; Nov. 13; Dec. 11.**

**KIDS FIRST** (previously Childrens Protection Society) has been a large part of the club's history. Secretary Geoff recently circulated their second newsletter 8/9. Maybe some members may wish to subscribe to receiving a copy of future issues.



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Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.

The account details for the **Rotary Club of Preston:**

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 633 000,    A/c 154 200 034

The account details for the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** for member donations

Bendigo Bank                      BSB 332 084,    A/c 551 038 195

**We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of  
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and  
we pay our respects to their forebears past and present.**